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Expo '74 to Draw Tourists to Montana

Governor Thomas L. Judge stated that Montana has a great opportunity to improve its tourist travel volume next year by tying in with Spokane's Expo '74, scheduled for May through October. An expected 5 to 6 million visitors will travel to and from the Spokane area as part of their 1974 summer vacations.

Montana was one of the first states to sign up as an exhibitor at the exposition. According to the Governor, the fair could draw thousands of extra visitors to Montana's threshold from all over the nation and the world.

Spokane, located only 83 miles from the Montana border, is within a day or two driving distance of the Glacier National Park area, Missoula, Helena, Butte, and Montana's Yellowstone National Park entrances.

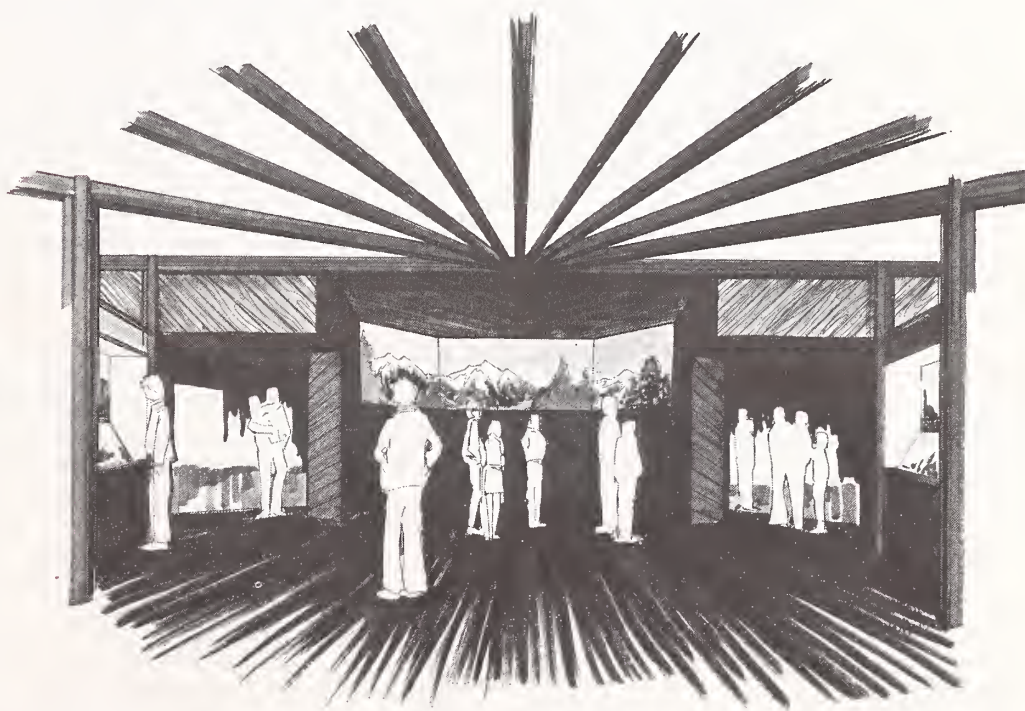
Montana will attempt to attract these potential tourists with an elaborate 500-square-foot exhibit constructed in the round, located in the center of the Northwest States' Travel Pavilion. It will be strategically located in front of the entrance of the building, with a concourse on each side of the exhibit. It will house three displays containing western artifacts, gold and precious stones.

A continuous photographic display of Montana attractions will

hold visitors' attention. This show will consist of three four-minute slide presentations featuring Glacier National Park, the five travel regions of Montana, and the "four seasons" story of state attractions,

told pictorially with a new Montana song as background.

A giant, 15-foot-wide transparency of St. Mary's Lake in Glacier Park will illuminate the outside
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INTERIOR—A three-screen slide presentation of typical Montana scenes will be the focus of attention in the Montana exhibit at Expo '74. Exhibits within the display will include western artifacts, art, gold and precious stones. Eight Montana businesses will also feature color photographs, brochures and taped messages fitting in the Expo's theme, "Celebrating Tomorrow's Fresh, New Environment." (Artist Sketch by Sage Advertising.)

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front of the exhibit. Other Montana scenes will be featured on the remaining outside walls as photo murals.

Montana business will be represented by eight 3 by 6-foot displays featuring color photographs, messages via earphone, and brochure handouts. These displays will be designed to harmonize with the rest of the exhibit. The State Advertising Unit will assume half the cost of the Montana exhibit—private industry the rest.

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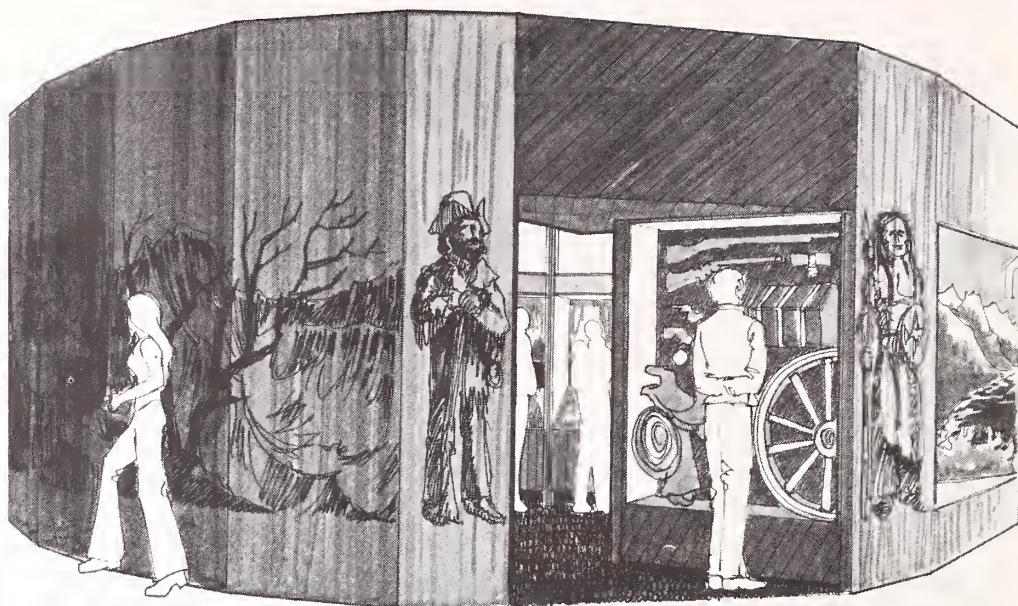
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News items of interest to Highway Department employees are invited. They should be given to the correspondents listed above.



MONTANA EXHIBIT—The Montana exhibit at Expo '74 will be constructed in the round for best use of its 500-square-foot area. The exterior will feature Montana scenes as photo murals, highlighted by a 15-foot-wide backlighted transparency of St. Mary's Lake. The exhibit will be located near one of the main traffic entrances to the fair. (Artist Sketch by Sage Advertising.)

Small Steps in the Right Direction

(Some Things You Can Do To Improve The Environment)

- Keep the land clean and free from litter.
- Use scrap paper. It has two sides, you know.
- Donate old magazines, books, and clothing to groups like the Salvation Army or Goodwill Industries...someone needs them.
- Make and use litterbags.
- Organize a cleanup campaign for your neighborhood, school, park or recreation areas...anywhere it's needed.
- Write your Congressman. Make your feelings known on bills affecting the environment.
- Invite a qualified speaker to address your group on environmental concerns.
- Use local recycling centers. If there are none in your community, work for their establishment.
- Support sound environmental education courses in your schools.
- Use unleaded gas when possible and have an emission control device installed on your car.
- Grow a plant...plant a tree. Green plants improve the air you breathe.
- Use public transportation. Ride a bicycle or walk to school or work. Why ride when you can walk?
- Respect and preserve wildlife habitats.
- Leave parks and camping grounds in the condition you would like to find them.
- Use pesticides wisely...and according to directions. Keep out of reach of children and pets.
- Put up a purple martin house in your yard to help control insects.
- Know local agencies involved with environmental quality control. Report violations.
- Support legislation to protect endangered wildlife species.

—From "Johnny Horizon News Bureau"

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Glendive

Nancy Siegle



Nancy Siegle

Darrell Hoover, stockman, is in the last lap of building his new home. He started construction in the summer of 1971. Darrell has done almost all the work himself after work and on weekends. It's a beautiful home east of Glendive.

Roger Szudera, R/W agent resigned from the Department on September 14. He plans to start farming.

Darwin Diede, Division of Weights and Measures has been hired by the maintenance division as a truck driver (under 5 ton). Darwin is married and has four children.

We've really had a change around in the Glendive office. Nancy Siegle filled the position of clerk 4 caused by the promotion of Bob Eggebrecht to office manager. Betty Henke, R/W steno replaced Nancy in

communications and our summer helper, Nancy Buller took Betty's place in R/W. Everyone is trying to re-adjust now so everything can get back to normal.

John Datta, laborer, broke his wrist in a fishing expedition a few weeks back so has been unable to do his janitorial duties. The guys in the shop who are taking his place during his leave are Gordy Stuhr and Bill Frank. We sure hope John is back before too long.

Nancy Buller, R/W steno has announced her engagement. She will be married December 7 to Duane Ulrich. Congratulations to the two of you.

The Sidney crew, under Dave McCloy will be returning to the Glendive office the first part of October for inside work during the cold winter months.

Cliff Neiffer, manager-field project unit in Wibaux spent a couple of days in the hospital with pneumonia the first week of September.

Jack Riley and Betty Henke are both driving new cars this fall. Jack has an Olds 98 and Betty a Delta 88.

Small Steps in the Right Direction

(More Things You Can Do To Improve The Environment)

- As a consumer, use your purchasing power wisely.
- Help conserve natural resources...use no more than your share. Protest waste wherever you find it.
- Encourage the establishment of bicycle lanes and trails.
- Your decision to buy so-called convenience goods or items with built-in obsolescence is a decision to accept continued overuse of natural resources and the resulting pollution.
- Don't burn leaves—use them for a compost pile or as mulch for your garden.
- Don't leave lights burning in unoccupied rooms.
- Reduce your share of refuse. Flatten boxes, cans, and containers. Take what you can to recycling centers.
- Save grass clippings. They add nutrition to the soil and help hold moisture.
- Turn out yard lights in the daytime.
- Don't leave your car engine idling unless absolutely necessary.
- Cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health...and a source of pollution.
- Use rainwater for your household plants.
- Don't leave the water running while brushing your teeth or washing dishes.
- Every car should have a litterbag. Prevent roadside litter.
- Plant trees and flowers to beautify your neighborhood.
- Don't accept paper bags for items small enough to fit in your purse or pocket.
- Stop overheating your home in winter. Turn the thermostat down and wear warmer clothing.
- Repair all leaky faucets. No natural resource is unlimited.
- Help preserve vanishing wildlife...do not buy clothing or accessories made from skins of endangered species.
- Learn all you can about ecology and the environment. Your city, county, or school library should have a good supply of information.
- Considering a new car? Don't pay for more weight or horsepower than you really need. A 5,000 lb. car uses twice as much fuel as one weighing 2,000 lbs.

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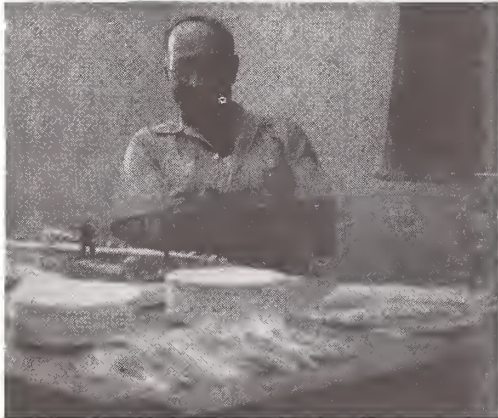
VISITS HEADQUARTERS—Mike Boswell, Denver, Colo., with his mother, visited the Department of Highways as follow-up to a series of letters exchanged earlier this year. Mike, a victim of cerebral palsy, is exceedingly interested in highway engineering, and has corresponded with highway departments in all 50 states, although handwriting is difficult for him. Now 18 years old, the personable Mike will be a freshman at Community College in Denver this fall. His mother, Phyllis Brees Boswell, attended her high school reunion in Great Falls.

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Great Falls

Ciel Tinelli

Etsel Woolsey, Cascade section-man, shown at a social for him in our highway building, in honor of his retirement on July 27th. We haven't seen Etsel since; we hear he hi-tailed it right out to the coast to do some deep-sea fishing. He has hauled in his limit of salmon other years, so he knows what he went after.



Woolsey

Nancy Ann Richardson, one of our office gals, married Howie Hawn in a lovely church ceremony September 15. The gang here outfitted her with dishes and an electric fry-pan and, of course, the most important of all, a cookbook. All she needs now is plenty of "Hamburger Helper."



Nancy, Howie

Helen Hogan opened her door and heart to a poor little mongrel pup and is now proudly putting "Shadow" through Canine Dog Training classes conducted by none other than our mechanic, Gene Hodges. Gene has two fall classes going now with a membership of 100.

Everyone was busy this summer raising a garden and we have had some bumper crops. Dewey Anderson, instrumentman, raised a "bugs-

bunny" tomato, or better yet, we could call it a "Sputnik," and Carl Winter again had a prize crop full of all kinds of goodies, especially his 25 pound squash. Blue Allen raised enough produce to keep half of the community going for some time and he and Frank Fairfull are making some good old-fashioned sauerkraut. Art Baranko hauled in buckets of cukes and I think Charlie Saksa had a nice garden, too, because every-time I passed his place he was sitting in a lounge chair watching it grow. Norma Lawrence's onions had the tiniest bottoms but foot-high tops, so she is just going to keep them in the ground until spring and will have the jump on us for her green salads.

Marlin Brackney will soon have his custom-built three-bedroom house moved onto its permanent structure in Cascade, and Dan O'Rourke flew the coop and has set up residency in bachelor headquarters, but he still stops by Mom's for his clean laundry and hot casserole dishes. He claims he is a good cook—time will tell.

Arlee Wiseman's sporting a new beige and white Chevy truck for his nice camper; bet he and Mary will really go places from now on.

George Larson, maintenanceman at Rogers Pass, again received honors at the second annual State Fair Horseshoe Pitching tournament. He ended up with the high average for number of ringers to gain the Class "A" title.

Ed Mans is building an attached garage to his house, with help from sons Jerry and Ronnie; and Vera also pitched in. Ed thinks a good way to trim off excess weight is to pour your own cement, and pour he did, to the tune of eight pounds.

Jim Sullivan, supervisor-construction section, was in the hospital for several weeks but is back on the job. He too has trimmed down a lot and looks more chipper than ever.

Clyde Foster will be going to Seattle soon for his semi-annual checkup and we hope he gets an A-1 clearance this time.

Of course, our biggest excitement was that our Great Falls division had the privilege through numerous incidents to come in direct contact with movie stars Clint Eastwood,

George Kennedy, Jeff Bridges and other Hollywood dignitaries, while the Malpas Co. was filming "Thunderbolt and Lightfoot." That Clint Eastwood is sure something; had he walked into the office we would have had to close shop, for us girls, anyway, and I would have probably swallowed my radio mike!

John Rooney, rodman, had a very narrow escape and we are very lucky to still have him with us and here to tell us about it. John and a pilot friend took off on a weekend fishing trip in a C-195 five-passenger light plane. The pilot overshot the runway in trying to clear some trees at Schafer Meadows in the Bob Marshall Wilderness and the plane tipped over at the edge of the runway. John said it didn't take them long to get out of the plane, but it did take them about 48 hours before they could find their way clear and get another plane back to civilization. Bet John will try horse-back after this experience.

Kalispell

Bob Finley

The siblings have been sent back to the halls of learning and the fall colors have already started the rainbow hues. The hot, dry summer is past and the prospect of a meatless winter and cold households is staring us in the face. This issue of Centerline is done under somewhat of a handicap—I am incapacitated but my lovely lasses have gathered and gleaned some tidbits which I will put together for the paper.

The Labor Day weekend had the locals leaving for sundry parts: John Kalien went to Seattle; Gus Strobbs, not to be outdone, went farther, he took in a bit of deep sea fishing. Ken Chrisinger also did a bit of piscatorial probing in the bay area. A three-trailer caravan spent the Labor Day weekend in the land of the Mounted Police with Burdette Ruggles doing the "Wagons Ho-o-o." Prompted by his deed, Don and Jack Decker and Glen Stewart sojourned to Lesser Slave Lake in the Maple Leaf land for a bit of fabulous fishing.

The Jack Seelyes celebrated a quarter century of marital bliss and

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the entire clan was present at the gathering in Bozeman.

Linda Miller is returning and will be adding one dependent on her income tax—Bobby Jo, a petite little gal, the first for Bob and Linda. The Richard Sipes are expecting numero uno addition sometime in January.

Eugene Flint has bid back into Kalispell as combination man. The Carl Thomases are moving a little closer to civilization, coming from Rexford to Columbia Falls section. Norman Baldwin was made a permanent employee and assigned to the opening in Rexford.

Vic Baker's daughter, Annick spent two weeks in France visiting grandparents and other relatives. My news gatherer states she is now ahead of Vic on visits—might question that, as Vic took a trip there, sporting a GI tuxedo, and at that time he met and wooed Madelaine.

Ken Clothier went to Billings on September 14 to check the roster of the 163rd Infantry Division on their 28th reunion.

James Keithley and Jerry Roat have been shuttling back and forth to Helena and every time you ask Jerry a question now, he raises his right hand and says, "I do." Marshall Beatty is watching "Counselor at Law" on the boob tube and has his suit all pressed for his day at the bar of justice, all over a grubby approach in the middle of nowhere. The gals wanted to start a collection to get him a hair piece; they want to keep their boy "the cutest." They say justice is blind and with all the papers full of Watergate and most of the participants being members of the bar, it may appear that justice is deaf and pretty dumb on occasions. Have heard it stated that the profession of law is the only profession that gives you a license to steal. Speaking of law, brings to mind the fact that the FBI were inquiring about Ray Munsinger's old GMC pickup that was stolen and wrecked, but after all the questioning about it, none of the agents offered to buy it.

Don't know if you were cognizant of the fact that a rancher in Texas by the name of Sam Maverick (not sure of his first handle) permitted all his

cattle to run about the countryside. There must have been beaucoup of them, because anytime you find an unbranded critter now, it is referred to as a Maverick. Well, we got a whole corral full of those unbranded critters—three of the gals in the front office are sporting them. A clever brand inspector finally discerned the difference between Faye Strong's and Mary Ellen Connelly's: Faye has two flowers on the back of her line backed buckskin.

Now I am going to haul this rack of bones back into the sack.

Billings

James Young



Jim Young

No ribbons were cut or balloons released when officials dedicated 40 miles of Interstate between Billings and Hardin, but they planted an evergreen tree. Chief speakers at the ceremony were Lt. Gov. Bill Christainson and State Senator Carroll Graham. Master of ceremonies was George Vucanovich, chairman, Montana Highway Commission. Others attending were Miss Montana Highways, Buttons LaSalle; Pete Bacheller, commissioner, Billings; C.W. Klimper, P.E., supervisor-division construction section, Billings; Bev Gibson and Kermit Anderson of Helena; members of the Billings Chamber of Commerce, and the mayors of Billings and Hardin. Division personnel attending were William F. Woolston, chief-field maintenance bureau; William Mankin, Dave Holmberg, C.O. Gransberg, John Miner, Joe Gallagher and Sharon Graham.

A special "Stop for Pets" on Billings Interstate 90 brings many comments from travelers. William Mankin, maintenance foreman, designed and had built the pet stop at

the rest area. Bill begged several obsolete fire hydrants from the City of Billings, added paint, and some gravel and the rest area is complete. We think Chairman George Vucanovich has the best idea. What a nice "pet" Buttons is.



Hardin was the location for a Billings division golf tournament early in August. After scores were added and checked, and handicaps were included and all the dust settled, William Woolston was judged the winner. Fourteen employees attended the tourney.

Four Billings "golfers" were caught near the ninth hole on the Laurel course. Earl Brown, John Miner, George Haider and Garth Hougaard were caught in a September rain and hail storm and waited out the hour and a half sprinkle in a mid-course rest stop. (We wonder, did they say the ninth "hole"?)

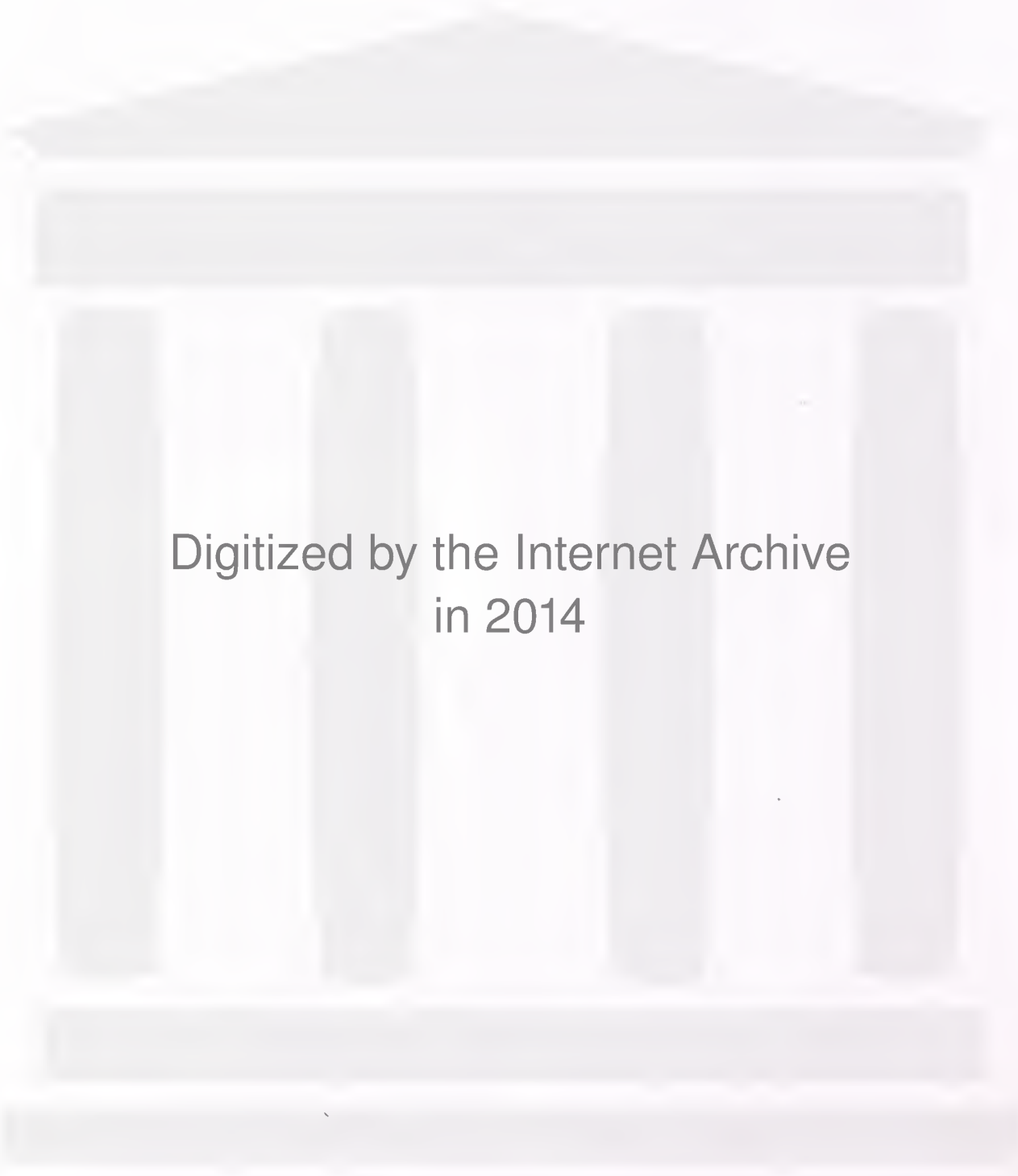
Norm Gutcher, P.E., division traffic engineer, resigned to take over the traffic engineer position for the City of Billings.

Betty Payne, steno I, resigned. She will teach school for the U.S. Government W.I.N. program in Billings. She is in charge of adult classes at the Garfield school.



Connie

Connie Waggener will replace
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EASTERN HIGHWAY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Lewistown, August 25-26, 1973

MEN'S DIVISION

CHAMPIONSHIP FLITE

- 1st Gary Gilmore, Butte
- 2nd Bill Bork, Butte
- 3rd Ben Briscoe, Great Falls
- (tie) Ace Scholtz, Helena
- 4th Joe Timmons, Havre

FIRST FLITE

- 1st Cecil Lincoln, Forsyth
- (tie) Les Sodja, Helena
- 2nd Clyde Foster, Great Falls
- 3rd Don Gatlin, Miles City

SECOND FLITE

- 1st Del Braun, Missoula
- 2nd Hank Butzlaff, Helena
- 3rd Dale Harcharik, Billings
- 4th Ed Furnish, Lewistown

THIRD FLITE

- 1st Harry Strong, Great Falls
- 2nd Dale Moore, Great Falls
- 3rd Dean Nelson, Havre
- 4th Jerry Devine, Roundup

WOMEN'S DIVISION

FIRST FLITE

- 1st Florence Timmons, Havre
- 2nd Betty Mast, Butte
- 3rd Dorothy Barkell, Bozeman

SECOND FLITE

- 1st Sharon Lincoln, Forsyth
- 2nd Norma Lawrence, Great Falls
- 3rd Peggy Woolston, Billings



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Betty Payne as steno I in the Billings office. Connie was born in Billings and attended Billings Senior High School and Eastern Montana College. Her hobbies are camping and sewing. Her husband is a Volkswagen specialist.

Don Taylor, bridge engineer, returns to Billings. Don will inspect bridges in Billings, Bozeman and Miles City. On loan to Don while in Billings is Bill Contreras, draftsman I, in the design section, an ideal chance for Bill to pick up additional training and experience.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Angwin are parents of a 9 lb. 1 oz. son. Not so little Eric Bradley was born September 19 at St. Vincent's hospital. Mother Patricia and new son are doing fine. The Angwins have one other son, Christopher Russell. "Chris" will soon be three years old. Russ has been with the state maintenance for the past 2½ years.

Helena-Hdq.

Bev Gibson

Helen Beckert, wife of Jack Beckert, administrator-engineering division, was hospitalized briefly but is feeling much better now.

Lois Davenport, secretary to the director, resigned in the middle of August to marry Ted James, Great Falls, former Lt. Governor of Montana. On a recent trip to Helena she joined the women of the Helena headquarters for luncheon at the Black Sands.

Bea Eddlemon, former secretary to Beckert, John Prebil, and Homer Wheeler, has changed desks in the front office to replace Lois as secretary to the director. Florence Buzzas, of right of way, moved upstairs to fill the vacancy left by Bea.

Jack Parcel, division office engineer in the construction bureau, has transferred to Lewistown as division office engineer, replacing A.S. Ragenovich, who retired.

Marty Mouat, information unit, resigned to continue specialized studies in journalism. JoAnn Jeide is the new secretary in information,

replacing Sharon Brown, who transferred to the office of Lt. Governor Bill Christiansen. JoAnn formerly worked in accounting and advertising. She is a native of Lewistown and worked for the last session of legislature.

Nick Rotering, chief counsel, is back on the job after a serious bout with his heart. A trip to Salt Lake for tests resulted in the reassuring news that no surgery was needed.

Marvin Brackman, keeper of the coffeepot in maintenance division, was astounded one morning to discover that someone had absconded with the coffeepot and contents (water and coffee ready for perking) and substituted an older model, sans coffee. The mystery remains unsolved, although Marvin dusted for fingerprints and grilled everyone in the building.

In keeping with the Governor's request for conservation of energy, hall lights have been turned off in headquarters building. At times, on dull days, one almost feels the need for a flashlight to find his way.

Jack Parcel and Norm Brighton, personnel office, put in a bid on two buffalo at Fort Peck, thinking to perhaps luck out and get one. They got both! Now they have to take a truck to Ft. Peck and bring'em back alive. They have been advised to fortify the truck, bring a camera, and one, preferably two, rifles! That should be an interesting trip. The fellas will sell one of the beasts and butcher the other.

Mike Trevor, data processing, had a great vacation trip to northern Canada. He had planned to go to Alaska, but his hunting partner couldn't get away for that long. Mike was looking for Stone sheep and bagged a full-curl ram. He also got some great pictures.

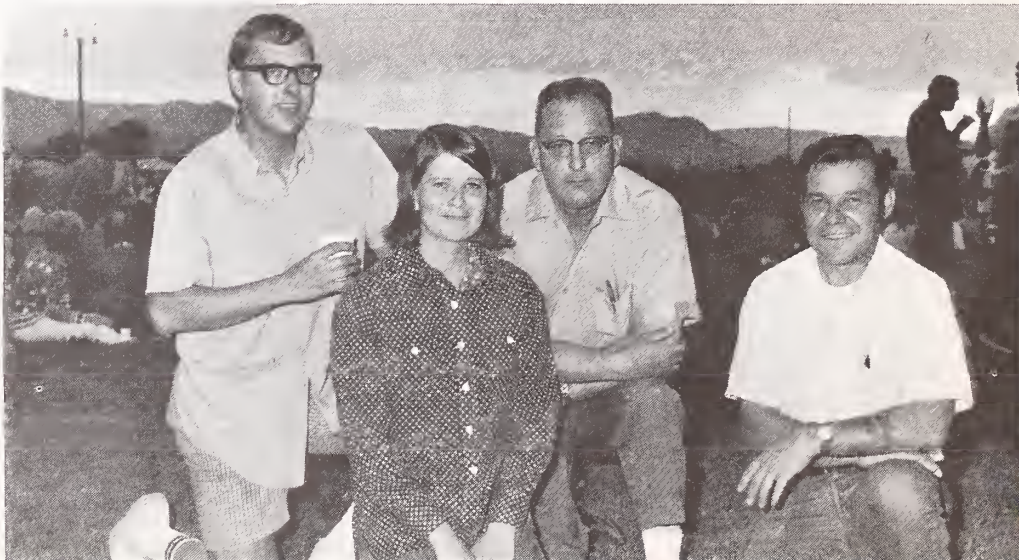
Headquarters picnic was held in August at the city park in East Helena. The picnic committee consisted of Susie Curtis, Zip Rigler, John Dahl and Bob Bovee, who planned a fun evening of good food, good drinks, and games for the kids. Part-way through the evening a mighty wind came up and blew everyone away...however, the main business of the picnic was carried out at a few choice alternate locations.

Travis Smith, photo department, resigned to go into business for himself, associated with Knox Photography in Helena.

Bozeman

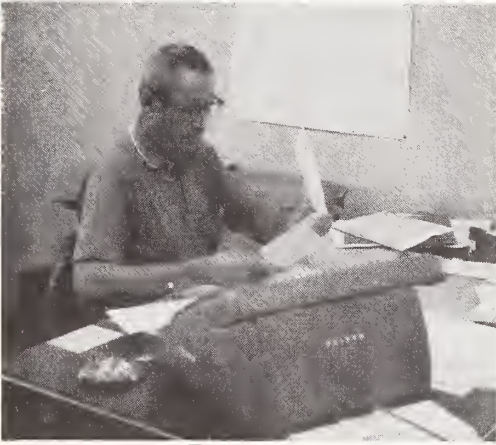
Pat Letendre

The Centerline news deadline presents a problem this time. It was our hope to present the beginning, middle and happy conclusion of the "Harold Roby—Acting Office Manager Saga." However, we can present only the first phase. Chapter 1 began as any other day—voluminous piles of mail being busily stamped in. Then down to business and paying some claims. The telephone bill was in error, so a quick call to the telephone office resulted in



Dahl, Curtis, Rigler, Bovee

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Roby

—naturally—a busy signal. Three hours later the call was completed. In between times there were incoming calls galore, more claims and business as usual. The highlight of the day, however, was when the little gremlin that besieges us on occasion slipped into the office and locked the desk drawer with the keys in the desk! We soon discovered that neither prayers nor threats were going to budge that lock. It was finally opened and it was the consensus that the heavy clouds of blue smoke hovering over the desk must have loosened the lock and allowed Harold to resume his daily duties. Things immediately began to look up and now things are running smoothly.

Bill Bailey, maintenance foreman, and his very able crew have been opening and closing betterments so rapidly that we are having trouble keeping track of his location. Ronda will be happy, happy to see them all completed as those expense claims are slowly getting to her.

Our sympathy is extended to Floyd Heath on the death of his father, and also to Barry Sigler whose father also passed away.

Grandfathers have become very vocal hereabouts lately. We have two new first-timers. Louie Maack, supervisor-field maintenance section at Harrison, has a little granddaughter named Carla Dawn McGregor. Not to be outdone, Kenny Noyes, shop mechanic, is sporting pics of his little gal, Kwincy Kay Noyes. Popping his buttons about his granddaughter is Jim Brooks, supervisor-field maintenance section at Bozeman. Little Miss Brooks won first place for her age group at the

Livingston Trout Derby. She comes by that talent quite naturally since Grandpa Jim is a fisherman supreme.

The annual picnic was its usual resounding success. A nice turnout showed up at the new Lions Club park in Ennis for the shindig. The tables were again heaped in a manner to give a weight watcher the willies and the little kids had much fun racing and drinking as much pop as they could consume. The big kids also enjoyed liquid refreshments and racing around the ball diamond. It has occurred to some of us that 17 innings should certainly be enough time in which to determine the winner of a ball game, any ball game! So, it had to be the umps. 'Nuff said. The chairman, Gretchen and George Sprout of Ennis, and Ed Reiser of Bozeman are to be commended for a successful get-together.

There were two happy sidelights of the picnic. The committee managed to refund fifty cents to every employee because they managed to underspend the budget. That must be a first. Also, we discovered that we have our own little band in the making. They are not exactly ready to travel the circuit yet, but Dallas Thompson, Dennis Williams and George Sprout made mighty pretty music together. It is the opinion of many (some?), well, two people that they could use a vocalist and a director. Any volunteers?

In the vitals department, Elmer Jerke is a proud new father-in-law. His son, Dennis recently wed Susan Frickle of Helena. It must be contagious because Mike Wright now has a new Mrs. around the house also. We have as yet not met the new bride, but welcome to the gang, Mrs. Wright. Recuperating from a heart attack is Howard "Jim" Micklewright, maintenanceman at Duck Creek.

Bud Chapman is the first hunter to report in. He and his son, Tay, were both fortunate to bag goats last weekend at Spanish Peaks. (Bud maintains that the fortunate part is that they both had permits.) The goats, a nanny and a billy, sported an 8 inch and 10 inch horn, respectively. The word "about" was supposed to appear in the last

sentence but we can't remember where.

Leslie Saunders is the proud owner of a very used Shopsmith. He claims it was for investment purposes only. Seems a fellow employee has the same model and is likely to need parts in the near future. We won't mention any initials, but Dennis Williams take note: "Caveat Emp-tor."

Also in the carpentry vein, George Sitton is adding a large-style addition to his home in Livingston. Harold Alverson is going him one better. He is spending his vacation building his family a brand new home. Just to temper this constructive phase a bit—it should be noted that Floyd Heath recently won first place in a demolition derby in Livingston.

Our news-gathering method is not nearly as successful as that reported by one of our favorite correspondents, Bob Finley of Kalispell. We envy him. Here, it seems, it is a frantic plea to everyone that wanders through, "Do you have any news?" Editing the responses of the gossip, speculation, unprintable matter, fantasy and outright fabrication leaves little to report, but we'll keep trying.

For those who missed it and for those who happily forgot they ever saw it, we are going to reprint an early effort of our division poet-person, Henrietta. In honor of the season, we herewith present:

On Stuffing a Turkey

Said a bride of only one week,
"This job requires a freak.
My hands get a roughing
From crushing this stuffing
And pushing it all through this
beak."

Missoula

Clara Neely

No pictures! Summer sunshine faded and dark clouds pervaded the skies before we knew what was happening. Of course, you all know a gloomy sky is not conducive to good photography. (Alibi No. 1.)

Janis Krieg, daughter of R/W Agent and Mrs. Otto Krieg, is one of three newly-appointed members of

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the State Advisory Council for Vocational Education. Janis was selected for the council from students throughout the state recommended by their vo-tech schools. She is a student in practical nursing at Missoula Technical center. "It's an honor for her and for the school," according to the admissions officer at MTC. Only two students were appointed.

Stanley C. Bonesteele of Ft. Pierce, Fla. passed away recently in the city following surgery. He was employed as a rodman in 1921 and remained with the department until retiring in October 1957. At the time of his retirement, he had progressed to the rating of resident engineer P-3.

It's that time of year when the switch is on in personnel files—from active to inactive. Every day brings forth a few more resignations.

Willard Neighbors, office engineer, vacationed in Missouri, and Lois Baker from R/W traveled throughout Canada and the eastern states on her vacation.

Karen Albert, formerly a clerk-typist, was in the other day and officially presented her new baby daughter.

Jan Allen, who replaced Karen, is off for two weeks, getting registered for fall quarter at the U. She will return here in October for part-time work.

Kathy, daughter of R/W Agent and Mrs. Martin Briggeman, had an unusual occupation the past summer, manning the lookout at Martin Point, southwest of Alberton, for the Forest Service. Although Kathy is required to live at the lookout post, she is actually on duty from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. During on-duty hours, she must stay close to the trailer, and during the second 20 minutes of every hour she maintains close surveillance of the surrounding countryside. During off-hours, she keeps watch less formally, but still remains aware of the woods around her. One of the odd parts of being on a lookout is that you know the people you work with by their radio voices. (Shades of the highway department!) Although it's a lonely life, Kathy has spent two summers at Martin Point

and is giving some thought to a third one.

Miles City

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There's another "J" in the Gene Bankey family. Justin Michael was born to Connie and Gene Bankey August 21. He joins brothers Jeff and Jamie. Connie was hoping for a "Jane" this time, but three boys are nice, too. The Bankeys recently purchased and moved into a new home. Gene is instrumentman on Claude Taylor's crew and headquartered in Miles City.

Though the Miles City division really doesn't have any "Lee Trevinos," we do have some good golfers. Congratulations to Art Braut, division materials supervisor, who placed third in the championship flight at Polson in the Western Highway tournament, and to Cecil Lincoln, who tied for first place in the second flight at the golf tourney in Lewistown. Cecil is sectionman helper on June Clark's crew at Forsyth. Those attending the Polson tourney were Ray and Eileen Garland and Art and Beverly Braut. Attending the Lewistown tourney were Don Gatlin and son, Rick, Cecil and Sharon Lincoln, Ray and Eileen Garland, and Art and Beverly Braut.

Robert Ray Lamb, maintenance foreman and Carl Turley, mechanic in the Miles City division were pictured in the National Elk's magazine as the result of three patients from the Veteran Administration hospital at Miles City participation in the Elk's annual arts and crafts contest sponsored for hospitalized

veterans. Bob is Veteran's Representative and Carl is Deputy Veteran's Representative in the Miles City area.

Jay and Mary George have returned from a vacation trip to the eastern seaboard of the United States. They visited their daughter and family in Hartford, Conn.; visited the Province of Quebec and took an extended trip around the Gaspé Peninsula. On their return trip, they took United Airlines from Hartford to Chicago and then transferred to Northwest for the trip back to Billings. When they were hurrying to catch their Northwest flight, Jay thought he heard his name called but in their hurry, he wasn't sure and they barely had enough time to change planes, so they hurried on. After the Georges had disembarked at Billings and Jay reached into his pocket for his billfold to pay taxi fare, he discovered the billfold was missing along with all his credit cards and money. It was quite a letdown after their wonderful vacation. Mary called the airlines in Chicago and they informed her they had indeed tried to reach them before they changed planes to inform them they had the billfold, and would forward it to them by registered mail. So all ended very happily after all. Jay is maintenance supervisor I in the Miles City division.

Guy Gibson, maintenanceman 3, had the misfortune of losing his garage in a fire recently. Guy lost many tools, lawn mower and such. His son had an old car in the garage at the time and it was a total loss.



Rayanne

Rayanne Garland, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garland, man-

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ager-field project unit 2, left recently on an 18-month mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Rayanne attended two years at Ricks college in Rexburg, Idaho and then took a language course at Arizona State at Tempe. She will have two months of language school at Brigham Young University before leaving for Peru. To support herself during her mission, she spent the summer working in Miles City at an Exxon Station, pumping gas, changing tires and other duties of a station attendant.

Tim Irion, rodman on Claude Taylor's crew in the Miles City division, took top honors in the local newspaper football contest by winning the first contest for the '73-'74 season. The contest is held each year and is very popular. This year there are 20 games listed and Tim guessed the correct winner of 17 games and one of the three he missed was a



Irion

tie-game. The winner of each contest is also decided by an additional tie-breaker score, which is the highest number of points for both teams in any of the twenty games, and in Tim's case, he was closest with a guess of 69. The tie-breaker score was 63. Congratulations, Tim!

Wolf Point

Ollie Hauge

September! With it comes the thoughts of frost on the pumpkin and the sound of school bells. Alvey Beck, who has been working on the maintenance crew at Culbertson, and Ken Hoversland, who has been working with the Wolf Point maintenance gang, have resigned to

answer the school bell. Marty Strauser, who has been employed with the crew on the Broadus-Biddle road also harkened to the school bell and resigned the first week in September.

Fredrick Jensen, engineering aide 2 on Dewey Novakovich's crew recently turned in his resignation to enter private industry. "Mike" has been with us about four years and our best wishes go with him in his new venture.

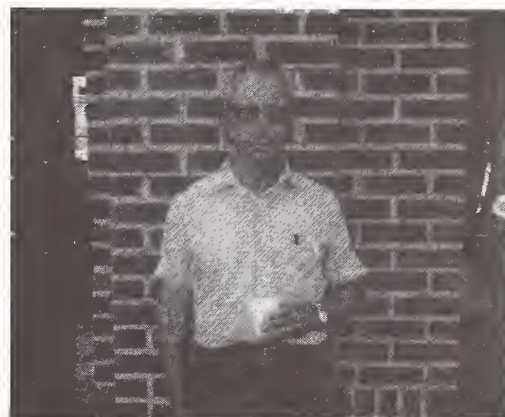
Michael Kurokawa worked on Dewey's crew for a short interim this summer to earn a little school money. He has resigned to return to school.

Robert Scott has replaced Bradley Lindblom in the Plentywood maintenance area. Welcome to the gang, Robert, and also a welcome to Gerald Hentges who is working the four to midnight shift at Wolf Point headquarters.

Mike Anderson, son of Wanita and Leroy Anderson, has been home on ten-day leave after completing 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Boot Camp at San Diego. He is now a PFC. Mike's next assignment will be at Twentynine Palms, California for training in electronic communications.

We will be losing a member of our office force October 5th—Diana Casey, clerk-typist will be resigning as she and her husband are moving to the Sidney area. Diana has a lovely new home awaiting her. We are sorry to see her go—but who could resist such pleasure!

A coffee party was held August 17 for Elton M. Strunk, who is retiring on October 8 with 37 years and 5 months of service to his credit. The group presented him with an agate-studded ash tray. He will be working in the Broadus-Biddle area for the next two months. Elton went to work for the Department in December 1933 at Stanford under Herb Garsky, project engineer, and worked intermittently until 1938 with winter-time layoffs. He left the Department in July 1942 and worked for contractors on defense work in Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and the Yukon Territory and returned to work for the Department in Decem-



Strunk

ber 1944. Elton had achieved the rating of Project Engineer in 1942 at Choteau and worked at that rating for three months before going into defense work. He was made project engineer again in 1945 and spent time in the Kalispell, Missoula, Wolf Point and Great Falls divisions and returned to the Wolf Point division as acting division engineer in 1971. Elton was returned to status of manager-field project unit in February of 1972 and remained in the Wolf Point division. His plans are to return to Harlowton, his place of residence, and do some hunting and fishing and later on he and his wife, Esther, plan to do some traveling. He says the first thing he will do upon retiring is "throw the alarm clock out the window."

Bradley Lindblom, maintenance-man I who has been employed for the last four weeks in the Plentywood area resigned August 19. Gary Bollinger, a summer temporary in the Glasgow area resigned September 15 to return to school and Wayne Paulson, summer temporary in the Malta area resigned August 28 to return to school.

The Lee Bachs, instrumentman on Jim Baldwin's crew, are proud parents of a son born August 13. Congratulations to them.

Lewistown

Bea Knerr

The Eastern Golf tournament held in Lewistown on August 25-26 was a huge success with golfers attending from all over the state. A good time was reported by all. Chairman Billie Furnish deserves a big hand of gratitude for all the work it took to make it a successful event. Everyone

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1974 Committee Surrounds Billie Furnish

received a "highway orange" golf hat, and it was something to see looking over the course. A fine cocktail hour and T-Bone dinner, served outside. A new committee for next year was named: Clyde Foster, Great Falls; Charlie Strong, Lewistown; Ace Schultz, Helena; Earl Brown, Billings; and Art Braut, Miles City. The tournament will be in Lewistown again, the weekend before Labor Day weekend.

The Highway-Union picnic held at the Central Montana fairgrounds included heaps and heaps of food, gallons of beer and pop and many cones and dishes of ice cream. Games and fun for all who attended.

Jack Parcel, formerly of Helena, is now division office engineer in Lewistown division, taking over where Alex Ragenovich left off, when he retired in July. Welcome to our gang, Jack.

We also want to welcome the highway patrol personnel to our fold. They now share office space in our spacious new building, for the time being. Neta Beck (Ann to us,) our temporary summer help two summers ago, is their secretary. Good luck, Ann.

Pauline Stephens, clerk 3, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Butterfield have been relaying bits of their European trip since they returned from a month tour in Switzerland, England, Holland, Belgium, Austria, Germany, Italy, France and Liechtenstein. The highlight of their trip was boarding a 747 jet at Brussels, Belgium on a non-stop flight to Great Falls, Mt. They reported a wonderful time, visiting many places of interest,

including the Isle of Capri. Don is our stockman.

Those on the sick list are many in our division: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harrell, maintenanceman at Mobridge took their young son to Rochester for exploratory surgery of a kidney, but found no surgery was needed; Mrs. Paul Mayo, of Roundup, Thomas Charlton of Roundup, Hoyt Dubois and Keith Roane of Stanford. We wish all of these people a speedy recovery.

Elton Strunk of Wolf Point will be retiring on October 5 and returning to the Lewistown area after some 38 years of service with the highway. Congratulations, Elton.

Butte

—Karen Markovich—



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The Butte State Employees Federal Credit Union has recently expanded their field of membership to include Butte city and county employees of Silver Bow county. This will expand the Credit Union's potential membership approximately 500 members. The Credit Union will

also shortly open the doors of its new office at John Colvin's residence. John is the treasurer.

Has anyone seen Marilyn Mulaney the last few days? She just may be in that sporty little green Pinto that is running about these days—a real snappy little number.

Speaking of cars; There is another snappy yellow car being driven around lately by Winnie Schabarker from the right of way department. Good luck and happy driving days!

Congratulations to Cliff Dean and Vi Davies who exchanged vows on September 23. A reception followed at their new home at Ridge View Heights. Cliff is the division office manager in the Butte division.

Gregg Symons, son of Mrs. Lorraine Symons, right of way department, is attending Bell & Howell electronics school in Phoenix, Ariz. this fall. We wish Gregg the best of luck!

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Dundas recently returned from a 10-day visit in Bremerton, Wash. We were told they had a great time, also went golfing and even tried their luck at salmon fishing. What we don't know is if they caught anything?

July 1, 1973 set the day of retirement for Peter E. Cassidy. Pete had been with the highway for 32 years. We all would like to wish him the best of luck.

Car problems? Don't talk about them. Ask Lorraine Symons, clerk typist in the right of way department—she has had her share. Lorraine had been without a car for three months; when she finally got it back from its overhaul, her son accidentally had an accident.

The following men deserve recognition for the years of service to the Department of Highways. They are: Carl Hussein, 15 years; Jim Trankel, 25 years; Jerry Wade, Ted Bisch, Carl Engstedt, Ken Fisher, Claude Flynn, Elmer Peterson, and Ken Platt, all 10 years.

Michelle Hughes has enrolled at MSU. She will be a sophomore, majoring in history. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes. Mary is a clerk typist in the Butte office.